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A \$180,242 grant to the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District was announced today by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe.

The Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, headed by Carlos C. Villarreal made the grant for operational tests of a computerized management information program for urban bus transit systems.

The 18-month project will test and evaluate a semi-automatic data collection device for maintenance and service operations. The data gathered can be used for budget projection purposes, fleet modernization analysis and maintenance and service operations analysis.

Kent State University developed the program under a prior mass transportation demonstration project. Kent State will install the equipment and will train the maintenance and service personnel in the operation of the system.

"The Alameda-Contra Costa Transit project is one of a series of tests of a newly-developed system to improve bus operations," Secretary Volpe said.

"It is expected that the program will streamline current operations, reduce the cost of servicing and maintaining fleet equipment, and provide valuable assistance to transit decision makers."

Total project cost is estimated at \$270,364. The local share will be \$29,337 in cash and \$60,785 in donated services.

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